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BEFORE THE WORLD AND SEASONS.

Books on geology admit that the northern regions of the world had formerly a tropical climate. Portlock, in his comment on the Wealden rocks, confirms the statements of Cotta, that "the nature of the fossil plants, and the number and magnitude of the reptiles found in the Wealden rocks in North-East Germany, show that this cold latitude

was once tropical." This remark, and other instances which are commonly met with in geological books, show that seasons producing cold in the north are comparatively a modern introduction. No fossilized bones of birds are found. One or two geologists say that prints of the feet of birds have been found, but these are believed by other writers to be the foot-prints of a large toad. An extensive series of fossil plants found in the geological formations of the island of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland, was recently exhibited at a meeting of the Linnean Society of London by Mr. J. S. Gardner, who declared that the discoveries supplied "fresh confirmation that formerly the entire northern temperate regions possessed a very uniform flora." Several of the fossil species closely resemble plants now found growing in Japan.

PAWNSHOPS AND SMALL BORROWERS

The one hundred and thirty licensed pawnbrokers in New York, firms and individuals, are believed to be as a class honest and straightforward men of business. They are in the business to make money and in ordinary times undoubtedly do make money. These one hundred and thirty pawnshops are the poor man's banks. They perform a proper and useful work that is sanctioned by the law and they are of vital commercial importance to a very large portion of the population.

For the wage-earner, laborer, and the poor the pawnshop is a very practical bar against eviction and starvation. The pawnshop or some institution like it that will loan small sums on pledges or on chattel mortgages or furniture and personal effects, is even more useful to the people generally than the banks. It is certainly more important to prevent starvation and eviction than to prevent a mere commercial failure. Besides this, the small borrowers outnumber the large borrowers ten to one.

The terror of poverty in New York is rent. A poor woman said to an East Side missionary who stood beside her dying bed, "Heaven, sir, I'm thankful to hear what you say about it. I'm glad to go for I hear they pay no rents in heaven." Every thirty days, summer and winter, is the demand for money—money, always more money. Sense seems so utterly lost and sunk

that it is no wonder that it appears as the one unending terror of life. Heaven would begin at once for many people on the East Side—if there were no rents. It is this necessity of paying every thirty days (and oh! how few days are these thirty) that makes the pawnshop so necessary. It is estimated by persons familiar with the great district east of the Bowery that almost the entire population holds one or more pawn tickets at all times. The majority of families have a dozen or more in their rooms the greater part of the year.

Next to rent stands the always certain uncertainty of employment. There are few trades without their dull times when wages are low or extinct. These dull times must be lived over, somehow, and the pawnbroker appears then a friend indeed. Sickness and death are expensive and demand ready money that often only the pawnshop can supply.—*Charles Barnard, in The Chautauquan for April.*

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Sunday school at the College is in good working order, with an increasing attendance.

Brethren east of Ashland are looking about to find a place to hold meetings. This is the proper thing to do—branch out.

Bro. Haskins is selling Bibles, between times, and is having great success.

There is a feeling of general interest in and about Ashland over the prospects of opening the school.

Since the College has been built there was not a time when Lord's day evening services were held. The indications are that they will prove most beneficial. In cities, if people go to other churches half their time, their interest is divided and they become less zealous.

A move was made last Lord's day evening to organize a King's Children society at the College. The prospects are good for a large organization.

Bro. David Baily has moved on a farm east of Ashland, and we miss him at the College. He was a faithful attendant at every meeting at the College while a resident here.

Several articles of correspondence came too late for this issue.

We had been going a week without a fresh supply of copy, until a couple of hours before going to press. We expect that in a few days we will be moving along in a regular way again.